

The Spanish American War: Crucible of Empire

Background: Roosevelt charging up Kettle Hill, the Rough Riders and the sinking of *The Maine*—these are what many people commonly know about the United States' 1898 war with Spain. What they may not remember is that this was the war that moved the United States to center stage as a world power.

Watch the following excerpt and take notes on the below prompts.

1. Clip One: The Cuban Rebellion

- Describe the background the Cuban Rebellion.
- Why does the United States get involved?

2. Clip Two: Delome Letter

Describe the contents of the Delome Letter.

How does the American public react?

Who is Hearst?

3. Clip Three: U.S. Prepares for War

Describe how prepared the United States was for War?

4. Clip Four: The U.S. in the Philippines
Describe U.S. treatment in the Philippines?
What was Taft's role in the Philippines?

5. Clip Five: Epilogue
Was conquest of the Philippines a success? Explain.

What was the result of Cuba? Explain.

In your opinion, do you believe that the U.S. transition of becoming an imperial power was worth it? Why? Explain.